

fall 2014. It is estimated that the site cleanup will take approximately five months to complete. Work will generally be conducted between 7 am and 5 pm during weekdays. No work will be conducted on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

During the cleanup process, Southern Pacific will conduct regular monitoring to make sure DTSC-approved cleanup goals are being met. DTSC will also be providing oversight during this process.

All documents made available to the public by the DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Zenzi Poindexter for assistance.

Who to Contact for More Information

For more information about the draft cleanup plan or to be added to the site mailing list please contact the following DTSC representatives:

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COMMUNITY Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Taylor Yard Parcel G2 2800 Kerr Street, Los Angeles, CA

Soil Cleanup Plan for the Taylor Yard Parcel G2 – Southern Pacific Site Available for Public Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed plan to clean up contaminated soil on the Taylor Yard Parcel G2 – Southern Pacific Site (Site). The Site is located at 2800 Kerr Street in Los Angeles, California. The cleanup plan, called a draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP), describes in detail the environmental samplings that have been conducted, the results, and the activities that are proposed to clean up the contaminated soil.

The purpose of this draft RAP is to identify potential risks from conditions related to previous activities at the Site and to describe the proposed cleanup options or “remedial alternatives”. The selected alternative will be implemented by the Responsible Party, Union Pacific, after public comments have been received and considered. The public comment period for the draft RAP will run from October 10, to November 12, 2013. DTSC invites you to review and comment on the draft RAP, which is available for public review at the informational repositories listed on Page 3 of this Community Notice or on the DTSC website: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=19470006

DTSC does not have any decision-making authority on the zoning of the Site or the end use. DTSC's is responsible to ensure that the contamination is cleaned up appropriately to allow for the anticipated future land use. Currently, based on the City of Los Angeles Zoning Codes, the Site is zoned for industrial use.



Public Comment Period



**Public Comment Period from
October 10, through November 12, 2013**

Your participation is encouraged. The 30-day public comment period begins October 10, and ends November 12, 2013. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by November 12, 2013 and sent to:

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The draft RAP is available for review electronically and at the Information Repository locations listed on page 3 of this document.

**Public Meeting
October 24, 2013
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

DTSC will hold a public meeting on October 24, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Dorris Place Elementary School located at 2225 Dorris Place, Los Angeles 90031. DTSC staff will be available to answer questions concerning the cleanup plan. We appreciate your participation and hope you will join us.

The Community Notice will inform you about:

- Site Location and History
- Environmental Investigation and Why Cleanup Is Necessary
- Proposed Cleanup Plan (draft RAP)
- Safety Measures
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Where to Find Project Documents
- Next Steps

Site Location and History

The Site is located at 2800 Kerr Street in northeast Los Angeles, near the intersection of the Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5) and the Glendale Freeway (State Route 2). It is bounded to the west by the Los Angeles River and to the east by Rio De Los Angeles Park. Since the 1890s, the overall 243-acre Taylor Yard property has been used for rail yard operations by Southern Pacific. The Parcel G-2 is approximately 50 acres in size. The Site was historically used for maintenance and fueling beginning in the 1930s and continued through 2006 when the yard was permanently closed. Former facilities at the Site include a diesel shop, a machine shop, a roundhouse, two turntables, underground and aboveground storage tanks (USTs and ASTs) which contained fuel, oil, water, and boiler wash; a service track area, and miscellaneous buildings. In 2009, most of the remaining structures at the Site were demolished.

Environmental Investigations and Why Cleanup is Necessary

Since 1985, a number of soil and groundwater investigations have been conducted at the Site. Results of these investigations have identified chemicals in the Site soil that include: total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), antimony, arsenic, lead, benzo(a)pyrene, and tetrachloroethene. Chemicals of Concern (COCs) in soil gas include benzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, ethylbenzene, naphthalene, tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, and vinyl chloride. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are also present in groundwater beneath the Site. The groundwater

under the Site is not used for drinking water. There is no immediate health risk from the site because the public's exposure to the soil is minimal. While current site conditions do not pose an immediate health risk, cleanup (remediation) of the soil is necessary before the site can be redeveloped and for the safety of the environment and people in the area.

Proposed Cleanup Plan (draft RAP)

Union Pacific has examined a variety of potential cleanup options. There are six cleanup alternatives proposed for evaluation in the RAP. These are:

Alternative #1—No action – would not change the Site conditions and will not result in a cleanup.

Alternative #2—Reinstallation of Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system based on sampling data, and ongoing groundwater monitoring. This option would reduce concentrations of VOCs but would not clean up soil contaminated with metals and TPH.

Alternative #3—Covering the contaminated soils with concrete or pavement to encapsulate or act as a “cap” and prevent exposure; installation of vapor barrier and sub slab venting system under building slabs as part of future site redevelopment; reinstallation of SVE system based on sampling data; installation of storm water management system; and ongoing groundwater monitoring. This option would not result in the removal of metals, TPH and VOCs.

Alternative #4—Excavation of soil in impacted areas to a depth of 10 feet and off-site disposal; ongoing operation of SVE system based on sampling data; and ongoing groundwater monitoring. This option would remove metals, TPH and VOCs but would not remove soil contamination at deeper depths.

Alternative #5—Excavation of soil in impacted areas at depths from 2.5 to 5 feet and off-site disposal; covering the contaminated soils with concrete or pavement to encapsulate or act as a “cap” and prevent exposure; installation of vapor barrier and sub slab venting system under building slabs as part of future Site redevelopment; ongoing operation of SVE system based on sampling data; installation of bioventing

wells; installation of storm water management system; ongoing groundwater monitoring; and free product (TPH) removal from impacted well.. This option would result in the removal of soil with high concentrations of metals, TPH, and VOCs and would reduce contamination of TPH and VOCs at deeper soil depths.

With all alternatives, the site would be subject to a land use covenant to limit property use to commercial/ industrial uses as well as long term monitoring and maintenance to ensure that future occupants of the site are not exposed.

DTSC evaluated the alternatives and determined that Alternative #5—Excavation, capping, vapor barrier and sub slab venting system, SVE, bioventing system, storm water management system, groundwater monitoring, and free product (TPH) removal was the most effective, implementable, and cost effective cleanup option for the site.

Safety Measures

To protect the surrounding community and on-site workers during field activities, field work will be conducted according to a Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan. Dust will be suppressed by spraying water on soil to ensure that the amount of dust generated is minimized, and stockpiled soil will be covered with plastic sheeting. Air monitoring will be conducted to monitor the amount of dust generated and ensure that spraying the soil with water is effective. Most of the excavated soil will be transported to an offsite licensed facility using rail cars connected to the adjacent rail transportation system; trucks may also be used. All rail cars and trucks leaving the site will be covered, and trucks will have their tires brushed and cleaned so no contaminated soil is tracked into the street.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has conducted a review of the proposed cleanup activities and prepared an Initial Study – Negative Declaration (ND) for the Site. The ND states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the

environment.

Where to Find Project Documents

DTSC encourages you to review the draft RAP and other Site-related documents which are available at the information repositories listed below:

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Regional Records Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Contact: Vivien Tutaan to schedule an appointment
(818) 717-6521
Hours: 8 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday

**Los Angeles Public Library
Cypress Park Branch**

1150 Cypress Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90065
Phone: (323) 224-0039
Mon. & Wed.: 10 am.-8 pm;
Tue. & Thu.: 12:30 pm-8 pm.;
Fri. & Sat.: 10 am.-5:30 pm.;
Sun.: Closed

Copies of key technical reports, community notices and other site-related information are also available online at DTSC's website: www.envirostor.dtsca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=19470006

Next Steps

DTSC will not make a final decision to implement the draft RAP until all public comments have been reviewed and considered. Following the review of the public comments, DTSC will issue a Response to Comments (RTC). The Response to Comments is DTSC's formal written response to all comments received. It is available to the public and will be placed in the information repositories listed above. Individuals who submit a written comment during the public comment period will be sent a copy of the RTC document if they have provided either a physical or E-mail address for mailing.

If the RAP is approved, the cleanup of the site is expected to start in spring 2014 and be completed by